

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

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You can also access free photos on USAFA WEBSITE:

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm> Just select your cadet's class year!

USAFA'S PUBLIC CALENDER Link: (Managed by the Association of Graduates.)

<http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events>

Parent Information link:

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/cma/parentsclub.cfm?catname=Class%20of%202014>

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 28 Feb 15)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2015	674	189	863
2016	653	187	840
2017	813	248	1061
2018	865	239	1104
WING	3005	863	3868

❖ These numbers include international students.

UPCOMING DATES 2015/2016:

12 – 14 Mar 15	Recognition
20 Mar - 29 Mar 15	Spring Break Cadets released (Last Military Duty [LMD]). Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
21 Mar – 29 Mar 15	Spring Break Cadet Candidates (Preppies) released. Cadet Candidates returns 7:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
11-15 May 15	Finals
18 May 15	Prep School Parade
18 – 21 May 15	First Class Household Goods, Baggage Processing and Shipment
19 May 15	Prep School Graduation
22 May 15	2016 Ring Dance Dinner (Mitchell Hall 1730 – 2000)
22 May 15	2016 Ring Dance (Arnold Hall 2000 – 2100)
28 May 15	2015 Graduation
30 May 15	1 st Summer Session Begins
20 Jun 15	1 st Summer Session Ends
20 Jun 15	2 nd Summer Session Begins
25 Jun 15	Class of 2019 In-Processes
11 Jul 15	2 nd Summer Session Ends
11 Jul 15	Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (0730 No parent access)
11 Jul 15	3 rd Summer Session Begins
18 Jul 15	Doolie Day Out (Sponsors pick up approx. 0800-1900) (Cadets can have cell phones today)
TBD	<u>Prep School</u> - Direct Entry report (in-processing)
20 Jul 15	March out to Jacks Valley (0800)
30 Jul 15	March back from Jacks Valley (0730)
4 Aug 15 (tentative)	Acceptance Parade (0900)
1 Aug 15	3 rd Summer Session Ends
1 Aug 15	Cadet Wing Returns by 7:00pm
TBD	Laptops Issued
TBD	Freshman E-mail should be up on e-mail
TBD	New Semester Classes Start
TBD	Commitment Dinner
TBD	USAFA/FMF will accept Scholarship Checks
4-7 Sep 15	Parents' Weekend 2015

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend/?catname=Parents%27%20>

Weekend

24 – 29 Nov 15	Cadet Thanksgiving Break
19 Dec 15 – 5 Jan 16	Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 5 Jan 16)
18 – 27 Mar 16	Cadet Wing Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 27 Mar 16)

TAX SERVICE FOR CADETS: Free Tax service is provided for the cadets and cadet candidates. The USAFA Tax Center is located near the South Gate, at the 10th ABW/HQ Building, 8034 Edgerton Drive, Suite 237. Cadets can call for appointments at 333-3920. If your cadets need proof of attendance (C4Cs) for parents to claim part of the year the cadet need to go online to USAFA Admissions website and request a letter. Then the cadet can pick up the letter from Admissions (Harmon Hall, 2nd floor).

2015 GRADUATION PREPARATION: The Graduation schedule of events isn't approved yet, but hopefully soon. The webpage will be updated soon. It is highly suggested you register for Graduation. Information that was sent in years past through the mail you will now receive any changes or updates to your e-mail. Registration is tentatively scheduled to open 1 Mar 15. Keep checking the Graduation Webpage at the following link: <http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=graduation> for updates. I will e-mail parent clubs when registration has begun.

CADET MEDIA INFORMATION: CADET WING MEDIA HAS A NEW WEBPAGE! Check us out at <http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html> <<http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html>> and see your 2015 graduation information.

CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATION VIDEO, YEARBOOK AND PHOTOS

You may order the 2015 USAFA Graduation DVD or 2015 POLARIS Yearbook through the Office of Cadet Wing Media. The DVD includes every graduate receiving their diploma on graduation day plus highlights of graduation week activities. This DVD is the only graduation product officially sanctioned by the USAF Academy. Click here <<http://nebula.wsimg.com/4c338d9f4ac8940884bf59547d4bef72?AccessKeyId=C7760A2EE485D3702028&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>> to order your 2015 Polaris yearbook and/or Graduation DVD. Highlighting the final year at the Air Force Academy for the Class of 2015, the POLARIS yearbook provides a comprehensive, creative collection of academic, athletic, and cadet life events for the Cadet Wing 2015-2016 academic year.

Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch has been contracted to provide professional photographs of your cadet at the Graduation Ball and at the Graduation Ceremony. The contract photographer will mail proofs to each graduating cadet's home of record within six weeks after graduation with instructions for purchasing these photographs. If you do not receive a proof from the photographer, please contact Lifetouch directly. Click here <<http://events.lifetouch.com/usairforceacademycoloradospringsco>> to order Graduation ball and Graduation ceremony photos. For more information call (800) 426-9533 or write to Lifetouch, 1170 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI 02920, Attn: AFA Grad.

Contact Cadet Wing Media if you have any questions or would like to purchase a yearbook or DVD by calling (719) 333-4644, sending an email to cwmedia@usafa.edu <<mailto:cwmedia@usafa.edu>> or writing to 10 FSS/FSLAM, P.O. Box 6066, USAFA CO 80841-6066.

Visit our web page for ordering information at <http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html> <<http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html>>

USAFA Graduation Week 2015 (21–28 May 2015). Don't forget to look for our professional photographers! (See below for photo opportunities)

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Thursday, 28 May 15

Falcon Stadium

*Professional portrait photographers are present on graduation day. All cadets are photographed, no need to sign up, no obligation to purchase, photos will be online and proofs mailed to graduates home of record.

GRADUATION BALL

Wednesday, 27 May, 8:00–11:00 p.m.

Arnold Hall Ballroom

*Professional portrait photographers are available at Arnold Hall for formal cadet and family portraits. No appointment necessary.

RING DINING-OUT (FOR SECOND-CLASS CADETS AND GUESTS ONLY)

Friday, 22 May, 5:30–7:45 p.m. (Note: Dinner goes until 8:00 pm)

Mitchell Hall

*Professional portrait photographers are available in Mitchell Hall for formal portraits of cadets, couples, group photos with Ring Dance Cake. No appointment necessary.

RING DANCE (FOR SECOND-CLASS CADETS AND GUESTS ONLY)

Friday, 22 May, 8:00 –11:00 p.m.

Arnold Hall Ballroom

*Professional portrait photographers are available in Arnold Hall for professional portraits of cadets, couples, group photos. No appointment necessary.

NO SUMMER BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED: Summer Commercial Bus Transportation will **NOT** be provided. Cadets/parents can make arrangements for transportation to and from Denver International and Colorado Springs Airports by contacting the following: (you can also check online for other companies)

1. Colorado Springs Shuttle, LLC, 719-687-3456/1-877-587-3456,
<http://www.coloradoshuttle.com/index.php>;
2. Front Range Shuttle (direct to airports): <http://www.frontrangeshuttle.com/>
<<http://www.frontrangeshuttle.com/>> , (719) 237-2646;
3. A Ride in Luxury: <http://arideinluxury.com/colorado-airport-transportation/>
<<http://arideinluxury.com/colorado-airport-transportation/>> , 1-800-813-9916, (719) 243-3365
4. A & B Limo Towncar: <http://www.cartotheairportdenver.com/colorado-springs-to-dia/>
<<http://www.cartotheairportdenver.com/colorado-springs-to-dia/>> , (303) 578-4802.

CABS ALLOWED ACCESS TO USAFA BEFORE AND AFTER VISITING HOURS: There are two cab companies that have been approved by Security Forces to be allowed on to the base before and after visiting hours. Their contact information is below.

1. Yellow Cab, (719) 777-7777, <http://www.yccos.com/community.html>
<<http://www.yccos.com/community.html>> has approval access to the base. Other cab companies would have to have a driver that already has a military Identification (retired military) to gain access the installation after visiting hours (0900- 1700 hours every day)

2. Springs Cab, (719) 444-8686.

PROOF OF CADET HEALTH INSURANCE: To get proof of insurance cadets can either e-mail Glenda Phillips at glenda.phillips@us.af.mil, phone (719) 333-5281 (USAFA TRICARE for cadets) and she can e-mail them their proof of insurance or they can stop by the cadet clinic and the folks there can print out the proof. Parents sometime wish to get the cadet off their insurance and their companies may require proof of coverage. Some parents will wait to ensure their cadet will be staying at the Academy to ensure no loss of coverage.

AOG INFORMATION:

WEBGUY: In addition to the academic year coverage from Webguy, here are the upcoming major events Webguy will be covering:

100th Night
Polaris Warrior
Recognition
Ring Dance
Prep TX
Prep Graduation

To view the coverage, log on to Webguy at <http://www.usafawebguy.com/>

Please let Webguy know of any appointee send-off's and if your cadet is participating in any USAFA Clubs. Webguy may be able to provide additional coverage.

Jostens Schedule:

11 Mar 15: Service call for the Class of 2015

22 Apr 15: Review ring castings for the Class of 2017

Service call for the Class of 2015

Meeting w/Ring Committee Class of 2018

Helpful Websites/POCs:

Cadet Academic Calendar website: (2014/2015 calendar)

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/academics/calendar.asp>.

Cadet Curriculum Handbook (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):

<http://www.usafa.edu/df/data/CHB2012-2013.pdf>

Cadet Clubs (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/>

Admissions: (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Sports Schedules:

<http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/>

Association of Graduates and USAFA Endowment:

<http://www.usafa.org/>

Life Touch photos: POC: Maria Turner, Prestige Portrait by Lifetouch, 800-426-9533 x 241

Cadet Wing Media: (719) 333-4644

Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop) 719-472-8589, petalsnblooms.com

PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Prep School Candidate parents.

Contact 2Lt Kyle Mahan at (719) 333-2583, kyle.mahan@usafa.edu and the USAFA website below
Dawn Ellis, (719) 333-2583. dawn.ellis@usafa.edu will be starting approximately 23 Feb 15.

<http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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